

PROPOSED FY-1976 KEY INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS IN THE NIO/SP AREA

6. What are Soviet objectives, policies, deployment plans and perceptions relating to strategic weapons and the strategic balance? In particular, how do the Soviets justify their strategic weapons programs and what goals have they set for themselves in the area of strategic weaponry vis-a-vis the US? Catching up or some sort of superiority?
7. What are Soviet intentions and progress, if any, in the development of cruise missile systems for use in intercontinental conflict?
8. What progress are the Soviets making, and what are their objectives, in increasing the counterforce capability and survivability of their ICBM forces? In particular, what are the accuracies of the Soviet SS-X-16, 17, 18 and 19 ICBM systems?
9. Are the Soviets developing land-mobile ICBMs; and if so, what progress is being made?
10. What doctrine and plans do the Soviets have for the deployment, command and control, and use of nuclear forces, including Soviet reactions to US policy on selective uses of nuclear weapons?
11. What are Soviet objectives in nuclear weapons technology, and what progress are the Soviets making in this area?
12. What is the intended size, role and armament of the Backfire force?
13. What progress have the Soviets made in development of improved tankers, a follow-on heavy bomber and air-launched stand-off weapons?
14. What programs do the Soviets have to increase SLBM capabilities against the United States by deployment of DELTA/SS-N-8 submarines, development and deployment of follow-on SSBN systems, and/or changes in SSBN operational practices and patrol areas, and command and control capabilities?
17. What progress are the Soviets making toward acquisition of an effective capability for open ocean submarine detection and localization?
19. What progress are the Soviets making in ABM development, and what are their plans for further deployment?
20. What progress are the Soviets making in development of a capability to intercept and attack low altitude bombers with interceptor aircraft systems and improved air defense warning and control systems?

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21. What progress are the Soviets making toward strategic defense applica-
tions of lasers and beam weapons? *and other military*
23. What are Soviet and Warsaw Pact objectives and positions in arms
limitations negotiations?
24. What are Soviet and Warsaw Pact intentions and actions with respect
to adherence to arms limitations agreements with the United States?
34. What is the present status of China's nuclear capabilities? Include
the types and locations of delivery vehicles, the numbers and types
of weapons in stockpile and weapons technology.
35. What progress are the Chinese making toward acquiring missile
capabilities against the US and against the USSR west of the Urals?
64. What are the objectives, programs and capabilities of countries other
than the US, USSR, UK, France and the PRC for developing or acquiring
nuclear weapons and delivery systems? Include policies and actions
of other countries (including nuclear powers) toward assisting the
non-nuclear states in acquiring a nuclear capability.